1. An apparatus for adaptive polling of a monitored system, the apparatus comprising:

a poll receiving module configured to receive a polling signal from a polling system;

an event prediction module configured to predict when an operation-related event of a monitored operation will occur in the monitored system;

a next polling time determination module configured to determine a next polling time based on the prediction of when the operation-related event will occur in the monitored system; and

a polling response module configured to communicate the next polling time and monitored system operation information to the polling system.

- 2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the next polling time determination module is further configured to determine the next polling time based on the prediction of when the operation-related event will occur based on network traffic.
- 3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the next polling time determination module is further configured to determine the next polling time based on the prediction of when the operation-related event will occur and if another operation is executing with a higher priority than the operation being monitored.
- 4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the monitored system retains a status of the monitored operation for a period of time after completion of the monitored operation.

- 5. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a polling adjustment module in the polling system configured to adjust the next polling time.
- 6. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a polling adjustment module configured to adjust the next polling time based on the presence of a user input to the polling system.
- 7. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the polling system is a client system, and the poll receiving module, event prediction module, next polling time determination module and polling response module are on a server.
- 8. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the polling system is a client system, and the poll receiving module, event prediction module, next polling time determination module and polling response module are on a data storage system.

A system for adaptive polling of a monitored system, the system comprising:

 a polling system containing a polling module configured to poll a
 monitored system;

a poll receiving module in the monitored system configured to receive a polling signal from the polling module;

an event prediction module configured to predict when an operation-related event of a monitored operation will occur in the monitored system;

a next polling time determination module configured to determine a next polling time based on the prediction of when the operation-related event will occur in the monitored system;

a polling response module configured to communicate the next polling time and monitored system status information to the polling module; and

a communications network connecting the polling system with the monitored system.

- 10. The system of claim 9 further comprising a polling adjustment module configured to adjust the next polling time.
- 11. The system of claim 9 wherein, the polling adjustment module is configured to adjust the next polling time based on the presence of a user input to the polling system.
- 12. The system of claim 9, wherein the next polling time determination module is further configured to determine the next polling time based on the prediction of when an operation-related event will occur and on network traffic.

- 13. The system of claim 9, wherein the next polling time determination module is further configured to determine the next polling time based on the prediction of when the operation-related event will occur and if another operation is executing with a higher priority than the operation being monitored.
- 14. A computer readable storage medium comprising computer readable code configured to carry out a method for adaptive polling of a monitored system, the method comprising:

receiving a polling signal from a polling system;

predicting when an operation-related event of a monitored operation will occur in the monitored system;

determining a next polling time based on the prediction of when the operation-related event will occur in the monitored system; and communicating the next polling time and monitored system operation information to the polling module.

- 15. The computer readable storage medium of claim 14, wherein the method further comprises determining the next polling time based on the prediction of when the operation-related event will occur and on network traffic.
- 16. The computer readable storage medium of claim 14, wherein the method further comprises determining the next polling time based on the prediction of when the operation-related event will occur and if another operation is executing with a higher priority than the operation being monitored.

- 17. The computer readable storage medium of claim 14, wherein the method further retains a status of the monitored operation for a period of time after completion of the operation.
- 18. The computer readable storage medium of claim 14, wherein the method further comprises adjusting the next polling time.
- 19. The computer readable storage medium of claim 14, wherein the method further comprises adjusting the next polling time based on the presence of a user input to the polling system.
- 20. The computer readable storage medium of claim 14, wherein the polling system is a client system and the monitored system is a data storage server.